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Customer No. 22,852  
Attorney Docket No. 09473.0002

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:	)	
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Tamotsu SAKURABA et al.	)	Group Art Unit: 2625
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Application No.: 10/802,858	)	
	)	Examiner: McLean, Neil R.
Filed: March 18, 2004	)	
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For: IMAGE FORMING DEVICE,	)	Confirmation No.: 7724
IMAGE FORMING METHOD,	)	
DOCUMENT MANAGING	)	
SYSTEM, DOCUMENT	)	
MANAGING METHOD, IMAGE	)	
FORMING PROGRAM, AND	)	
COMPUTER READABLE	)	
RECORDING MEDIUM IN WHICH	)	
THE IMAGE FORMING	)	
PROGRAM IS RECORDED	)	

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**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**  
**UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c)**

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(c), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO/SB/08 form. Applicants are filing this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement after the events recited in Section 1.97(b) but, to the undersigned's knowledge, before the mailing date of either a Final action, Quayle action, or a Notice of Allowance. Under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c), this Information Disclosure Statement is accompanied by a statement as specified under § 1.97(e).

Copies of the listed foreign and non-patent literature documents are attached.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

The documents listed in this Information Disclosure Statement were first cited in the attached Notification of Reasons for Refusal ("Notification") mailed on July 7, 2009 in a counterpart Japanese Application, and this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of the mailing date of that communication.

In lieu of a statement of relevance or translation of the non-English documents, Applicants submit an English-language translation of the Notification. Applicants note that JP-A-9-305576 was previously filed in an IDS filed February 9, 2006, and U.S. 6,827,279 B2, which corresponds to JP-A-2002-337426, was previously cited in an Office Action mailed September 15, 2008.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that the listed documents are material or constitute "prior art." If the Examiner applies any of the documents as prior art against any claim in the application and Applicants determine that the cited documents do not constitute "prior art" under United States law, Applicants reserve the right to present the relevant facts and law to the Office regarding the appropriate status of such documents.

Applicants further reserve the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed documents, should one or more of the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

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Respectfully submitted,

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